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SUBJECT:EXCHANGE STUDENTS IN ARTS

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1. DEPARTMENT'S MAIN CONSIDERATION IN HANDLING GRAZIANO REQUEST FOR EXTENSION IS THAT IT NOT PREJUDICE NOMINATIONS OF FIVE US CANDIDATES FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 75/76 WHO WERE SELECTED ON BASIS OF NATIONWIDE COMPETITION. WE THEREFORE RECOMMEND EMBASSY TAKE NO INITIATIVE ON GRAZIANO AT THIS TIME, BUT CONTINUE TO PRESS FOR SOVIET RESPONSE RE THIS YEAR'S NOMINATIONS. WE CONTINUE TO HOPE FOR ACCEPTANCE OF ALL FIVE, AND REMAIN WILLING TO ACCEPT THREE ADDITIONAL QUALIFIED SOVIET CANDIDATES. AT VERY LEAST WE WOULD EXPECT SOVIETS TO ACCEPT TWO US CANDIDATES, SINCE SOVIETS HAVE NOMINATED TWO THUS FAR.

2. IF MINCULT SHOULD RAISE QUESTION OF GRAZIANO, EMBASSY SHOULD STATE THAT WE WOULD CONSIDER SUPPORTING HER REQUEST FOR EXTENSION ONLY IF HER RETURN WOULD BE CONSIDERED AS EXTENSION OF HER ACADEMIC YEAR 74/75 CANDIDACY AND THUS NOT PREJUDICE OUR 75/76 NOMINATIONS.

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3. FYI DEPARTMENT DID NOT CONCUR IN TWO YEAR PROGRAM FOR

GRAZIANO. IN FACT WHEN WE AGREED TO SUPPORT HER NOMINATION

(DESPITE HER REJECTION BY IIE SELECTION PANEL) TWO YEAR
PROGRAM WAS NOT CONSIDERED. THIS CONNECTION, WE NOTE
THAT EMBASSY AIDE MEMOIRE TO MINCULT (SEPTEMBER 4, 1974)
NOMINATING GRAZIANO SPECIFIED "PERIOD OF TEN MONTHS

BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 1974". KISSINGER

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